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1. JAKARTA PRESS AUG. 26 REPORTS STATEMENT BY FONOFF
INFORMATION DIRECTOR GUNADIRJA AFTERNOON AUG. 25 THAT
GOI HAS RECEIVED (AUG. 23) REQUEST FROM GOP TO JOIN
AUSTRALIA IN EVACUATING FOREIGN REFUGEES FROM PORTUGUESE
TIMOR (PT) AND THAT GOI IS "STUDYING" REQUEST. GUNADIRJA
STATEMENT ADDED THAT GOI CONSIDERS QUESTION OF RESCUE
OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN PT AS INSEPARABLE FROM QUESTION
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OF RESTORATION OF SECURITY AND ORDER IN COLONY, AND

THAT GOI RECOMMENDATION TO GOP TO TAKE FIRM ACTION IN PT HAD BEEN BASED ON THIS CONNECTION.

2. JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS FURTHER TOP-LEVEL GOI MEETING WITH INTELLIGENCE (BAKIN) CHIEF YOGA, BAKIN DEPUTY CHIEF MURTOPO, AND HANKAM INTELLIGENCE ASSISTANT BENNY MURDANI, AS WELL AS SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH STATE SECRETARY SUDHARMONO, ACTING FONMIN MOCHTAR, AND KOPKAMTIB CHIEF SUDOMO. YOGA TOLD PRESS FOLLOWING FIRST MEETING THAT GOI WOULD DISCUSS EVACUATION OF FOREIGNERS FROM PT DIRECTLY WITH GOP, AND THAT GOI WAS AWAITING ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA OF GOP OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS. SUDHARMONO STATED THAT GOI STILL AWAITING FURTHER REPORTS FROM PT BEFORE DETERMINING POSITION.

3. AUG. 26 PRESS ALSO REPORTS REQUEST FROM PT GOVERNOR PIRES CONVEYED AUG. 25 TO GOI VIA GOP EMBASSY JAKARTA THAT INDONESIA OPEN LAND BORDER WITH PT TO PERMIT ENTRANCE INTO INDONESIA OF REFUGEES FROM PT FIGHTING.

4. EDITORIAL COVERAGE OF PT EVENTS IN INDONESIAN NATIONAL PRESS HAS BEEN GENERALLY CAUTIOUS, CONSISTENT WITH GOI "WAIT AND SEE" POLICY. EDITORIALS IN LEADING EVENING DAILY SINAR HARAPAN AUG. 25 AND LEADING MORNING DAILY KOMPAS AUG. 26, HOWEVER, CALLED FOR INDONESIAN ACTION VIS-A-VIS PT IN ORDER TO END STATE OF ANARCHY IN COLONY AND CARRY OUT INDONESIAN "MORAL OBLIGATION" TO END BLOODSHED IN REGION SO CLOSE TO INDONESIA.

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5. COMMENT: ABOVE JAKARTA DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE TO REFLECT SERIOUS INDONESIAN CONCERN OVER PT SITUATION AS WELL AS CLEAR DESIRE OF GOI TO HAVE SOME KIND OF INTERNATIONAL MANDATE FOR ANY EVENTUAL INTERVENTION IN PT.
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